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Dear Dr. McAllister:

I have been chosen chairman of the Fourth Biennial Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) Conference on Protein Kinases, to be held in Copper Mountain, Colorado, July 7-12, 1991. The Vice-chairman for this year's conference will be Michael Czech of the University of Massachusetts. The purpose of this letter is to describe the conference, and to ask if your organization would be willing to provide some degree of financial support for this meeting. We are grateful for your generous support of our last conference which was held in 1989.

As you probably know, the FASEB summer conferences are modeled along the lines of the historically very successful Gordon Conferences, and in their first several years of operation have proven to be very popular with participants. I enclose a detailed tentative program for this year's conference, but very briefly, the conference will be organized as follows:

Plenary session speakers will be Dr. Ed Fischer, one of the earliest pioneers in protein kinase and phosphoprotein phosphatase research, and Dr. Daniel Koshland, Editor of *Science* and an authority on signal transduction and protein kinase C. There will be half-day sessions on cyclic nucleotide kinases, calcium/calmodulin-dependent protein kinases, protein kinase C, novel protein kinases and substrates, regulation of the cell cycle, regulation of gene expression, regulation of ion channels, and two half-day sessions on tyrosine kinases. Speakers include some of the foremost and most widely respected authorities in their respective fields.

The protein kinase conference has proven to be among the most popular FASEB conferences in attracting participants in the past, and we can expect approximately 150 total participants including the 30 or so speakers who have already accepted invitations. This meeting is the only one of its type (i.e., FASEB or Gordon Conference) devoted exclusively to the field of protein kinases, which are known to have central roles in all aspects of cellular function. We believe that the meeting will be timely and important, and will foster the exchange of new and unpublished information among leading scientists in this field.

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As noted above, the purpose of this letter is to request funds from your organization for partial support of this conference. Due to increases in air fares and other expenses, especially for speakers from abroad (one is from the Soviet Union), we have estimated that the conference will cost at least \$50,000, of which FASEB itself can contribute approximately \$7,000. We have applied for federal grant support for some of the remainder, but we are dependent on private organizations such as yours for the remaining funds. We are particularly anxious that the conference should be well-supported this year, since any extra money will be used to support the travel and other expenses of young investigators who will be chosen from submitted abstracts to present short talks at the meeting. We feel that this is particularly important given the fact that many of these young scientists would be otherwise unable to attend the meeting given their usual financial difficulties.

If I can provide you with any further information about the conference, please feel free to get in touch with me. I would greatly appreciate any help you could give us to support this important meeting. As has been customary in the past, all financial contributions will be acknowledged in the conference program, on plaques to be displayed at the meeting, and on posters advertising the meeting. We would also invite applications to attend the meeting from interested scientists in your organization.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

With best wishes,



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Enclosure

P.S. Checks should be annotated "Protein Kinases" and made payable to (and mailed to):

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